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**Chin-Jowl Implants Better Than Chin Only**

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SPOKANE, Wash. — Combined chin-jowl implants give a better, longer-lasting cosmetic result than central chin implants alone, Greg S. Morganroth, M.D., said at the annual Pacific Northwest Dermatological Conference.

Central chin implants provide only frontal projection and can shift over time. The chin implants, on the other hand, are anchored laterally and are better retained. They can improve the appearance of the anterior mandibular groove (also called the prejowl sulcus) and can be sculpted to help restore facial symmetry in patients with hemifacial atrophy.

"This procedure can be performed solo, or it can be integrated into your neck lipo," said Dr. Morganroth, a dermatologic surgeon in private practice in Mountain View, Calif. "It can be integrated into your facelift. It makes a huge difference because part of that great facial result is having that nice, sharp jawline."

When combined with a "facial lipolift" (which includes neck and jowl liposuction, a laser peel, and a short-scar facelift), implants can rival the results of a traditional surgical facelift. Unlike a traditional facelift, however, the full implant procedure can be performed in 2-3 hours under local anesthesia and allows patients to return to work in a week.

Any patient whose recessed chin is less than 2 cm behind his or her forehead is a candidate for a chin-jowl implant. Patients whose chins are more than 2 cm behind the forehead will more likely require maxillofacial surgery to bring the jaw forward.

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